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(b) whether they have considered the said memorandum and passed any orders on it?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given to question No. 553 on the same subject.

Irrigation.

Improvements to the supply channel of the Machavaram-Mopad tanks from the Manneru river in Kandukur taluk.

* 562 Q.—The KUMARARAJA OF VENKATAGIRI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that recently an estimate was prepared by the Executive Engineer, Nellore, for improving the supply channel to Machavaram-Mopad tanks from Manneru river in Kandukur taluk, Nellore district; if so, the amount of the estimates and the details of the proposal;

(b) how that estimate and the proposals thereon compare with those prepared in 1925;

(c) whether the ryots to be benefited by the channel collected half contribution towards the improvements and paid it in the Kandukur sub-treasury;

(d) if so, who ordered the collection and payment of the contribution by the ryots;

(e) whether it is a fact that a large sum of over Rs. 20,000 collected and remitted to the treasury was ordered to be taken back by the ryots;

(f) what the reasons are for such conflicting orders—ordering collection and remittance at the first instance and returning the money at a later date; and who all the officers are that are responsible for such orders and what their names are; and

(g) whether the Government will be pleased to call for a detailed report on the matter and state what the present proposals are to improve the said supply channel and the Machavaram-Mopad tanks?

A.—(a) to (f) The Government have no information.
(g) Yes. A report has been called for.

Land Revenue Administration

Distraint and sale of lands in the South Kanara district for realization of arrears of land revenue.

* 563 Q.—Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases of arrears of land revenue in each of the taluks in the district of South Kanara during the last fasli;

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(*b*) the number of cases out of the above in each taluk in which arrears were realized after distraint and after sale of patta lands;

(*c*) the number of cases out of the above in which arrears are still to be realized; and

(*d*) in cases in which lands were sold for realizing revenue, the amount due from each pattadar and the price realized at each sale and the class and extent of the land sold?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*c*) The Government have called for the information.

(*d*) The Government have not the information.

Mr. U. C. SUBRAHMANYA BHATT:—"May I know, Sir, whether the hon. Member will place the information on the table of the House?"

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—"Yes, Sir."

Applications from ex-army men for lands on darkhast.

* 564 *Q.*—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the number of applications for land on darkhast received from ex-army men for each district, number of applications successful and number rejected and the grounds thereof for each district from 1st January 1933?

A.—The Government have not the information, and cannot obtain it without giving subordinate officers a great deal of labour.

Public Service

Direct recruitment to the posts of upper division clerks in the Madras City.

* 565 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any of the candidates selected by the Services Commission are directly recruited as upper division clerks in the Madras City; and

(*b*) whether graduates belonging to the Depressed Classes or those classed as 'Other communities' are given special preference in this matter?

A.—(*a*) Some candidates selected by the Madras Services Commission are recruited directly as upper division clerks in the Secretariat; the Government have not the information whether this is also done in other offices in Madras, but the Statutory Rules governing recruitment to the Madras Ministerial Service permit direct recruitment of candidates approved by the Madras Services Commission as upper division clerks.

(*b*) Under the communal rotation rule one out of every twelve vacancies should be filled by a member of any 'Other community' including 'scheduled classes.'